



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE  
COMMISSION**

**KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

**<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2011**

**9:00 AM**

- 7. Discussion and possible revision of the conditions imposed by the Commission on October 12, 2011 for Entertainment-General Business License ID #138454 for The Coffee Gallery located at 2029 N. Lake Ave. Altadena, CA 91001 in the Fifth District. (11-4148)**

**Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, and reported the Sheriff's Department has no objection to issuance of the license. She informed the Commission that a complaint letter from a local resident was sent to the Commission and Regional Planning.**

**Commissioner Barger expressed concern regarding advertisement of massages on the business website. Ms. Hernandez stated that the business does not have a Massage License.**

**Carmen Sainz, Regional Planning, reviewed the complaint letter and referred it to the Zoning Enforcement staff to inspect if they are in compliance with the conditions of the CUP. Carmen Sainz stated the parking requirements as conditioned in the CUP.**

**President Afriat stated that the Commission has the ability to further condition the license as long as it is not in conflict with the CUP conditions.**

**Kenneth Marshall, partial owner explained that there are two businesses sharing the location. The entertainment portion is The Backstage which is owned and operated by himself and Robert Stane and The Coffee Gallery, owned and operated by Julie Sandoval is the storefront. Patrons walk through The Coffee Gallery to attend performances at The Backstage. Both businesses benefit from the other. Mr. Marshall explained that chair massages were offered in the past but had not occurred for approximately one year.**

**Mr. Stane added that the website was not up to date and the massage advertisement should not be displayed.**

**Commissioner Barger informed the applicants that he had driven by the location on Saturday during a scheduled event and did not observe an attendant directing traffic as conditioned in the CUP. Mr. Marshall stated that he was not present at the location and agreed there should have been an attendant present. Mr. Marshall explained that his understanding of the CUP condition is that a parking attendant is required to be present a ½ hour prior to entertainment starting and a ½ hour after the show has begun. Ms. Sainz clarified that a parking attendant must be present for the duration of the scheduled event.**

**A discussion over the locations layout and capacity ensued. Mr. Marshall stated that The Backstage maximum room capacity was set at 49 by the Fire Department.**

**President Afriat reminded the applicants that a license holder must be present during events. Mr. Marshall stated that co-owner Robert Stane is present during scheduled events and added that local residents are encouraged to contact them if there are any issues.**

**President Afriat pointed out that the CUP will expire on August 15, 2012, prior to the business license if it is approved today. Ms. Sainz recommended the owners submit the entitlement application six months prior to the CUP expiration.**

**Mr. Marshall brought up a meeting that took place at the Fifth District's satellite office in Pasadena. He explained that the second level of the location was previously zoned for residential use and is currently used for small offices. He informed the Commission that this was discussed during this meeting in relation to the requirements of the CUP and parking permits and stated that he was informed that a CUP was not needed, only a parking permit.**

**Ms. Hernandez, TTC acknowledged her presence at this meeting along with two Fifth District Deputies, representatives from Regional Planning, Zoning and TTC. She recalled the discussion however, was unable to confirm the information provided to the business owners. Although Ms. Sainz was not present at this meeting, she confirmed that a CUP for a dwelling was not required since the space is no longer residential.**

Julie Sandoval, owner and operator of The Coffee Gallery, informed the Commission that massages were no longer offered and that she would update the website accordingly. Mr. Marshall stated that there is a stage and a dressing room. On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, the Commission approved the aforementioned license subject to the following conditions:

1. Parking attendant must be visible and present a ½ hour before the live entertainment begins through ½ hour after ending.
2. Stage and dressing room waiver.
3. Operating manager's phone number is clearly posted.
4. Licensed manager must be present during live entertainment.
5. Signage reminding customers that the area is residential and cautioning patrons not to park in residential spaces and to be mindful of the parking attendant and noise entering and exiting the location.
6. License holder must apply for their CUP on or before February 15, 2012 to the satisfaction of the Regional Planning Department.
7. Six month Commission review.

**Ayes:** 5 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez, Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Lee

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)